

HOUSE RESOLUTION 95  
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A RESOLUTION to commend Deborah Kaye Hodges for  
exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Deborah Kaye Hodges is one such individual who has distinguished herself in her role as a legislative intern for Representative Ulysses Jones, Jr., of the 98<sup>th</sup> House District of Shelby County and Chairman of the House State and Local Government Committee; Deborah's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators she assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, an honors student at the University of Memphis, where she is highly regarded by her peers, Deborah has achieved academic success while majoring in Marketing Management, minoring in Spanish, and participating in numerous extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize herself with the characteristics and complexity of Tennessee State government and to further her studies, Deborah Hodges brought her many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2005 session of the One Hundred Fourth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Deborah has been greatly adored, loved, and appreciated during her internship by the office staff of the House State and Local Government Committee, including administrative assistants Vanessa Cooper and Mary Langston and intern Rachel Warren, who will miss her dearly and think of her often in her absence, as they have all formed a lasting friendship in Suite 35 of the Legislative Plaza; and

WHEREAS, she will be remembered as "Louise" of the legendary dynamic duo "Thelma and Louise"; and

WHEREAS, Deborah was honored by the 2005 Intern Class during a mock session of the 104<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the State of Tennessee by the adoption of an amendment to Intern Joint Resolution 9 to bestow on Deborah Hodges and her partner, Rachel Warren, the honor of having the second half of April 22, extending from noon until midnight, named “Thelma and Louise Day on the Hill”; and

WHEREAS, the interns and staff joined together to compete in a baseball game (staff triumphing) and a basketball game (interns triumphing). Deborah showed her support of her fellow interns by shivering in the stands and enduring the bitter cold and falling snow one winter Tuesday evening; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2005 legislative session, Deborah Hodges has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, reflecting on her experiences at the Tennessee General Assembly, Deborah is grateful for having been afforded the opportunity to learn about how legislation becomes law and how interns can be a vital part of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Deborah Hodges has performed her many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend Deborah Kaye Hodges for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Chairman Ulysses Jones, Jr., and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.